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SYC Currents

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Hello Skippers and Mates...

"Commodore's Greeting"



August was another busy month at SYC! The Corn Roast and Labor Day Picnic were well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Kim Bonawitz and Laura Lex for leading up the effort on the Corn Roast and to Carol Park for coordinating the Labor Day Picnic. We especially appreciate all of the members who helped with these events.

The 4 Diamonds Day was another great event! Sylvia and Bill Larson did a fine job of organizing this event and enlisting so many contributors and volunteers. Thanks to all of you who continue to make this event such a success. Please see the enclosed thank you note that we received.

At our monthly meeting, Tom Dexter submitted his resignation as Vice Commodore of SYC but will retain his SYC membership. Tom's wife Anita accepted a job in Massachusetts and they have already relocated. All of us appreciate their contributions to the club and hope to have them return to SYC often.

With Tom's resignation, the membership nominated Rick Faust to fill the position of Vice Commodore. At our meeting on September 18th we will accept other nominations from the floor and elect the person to fill the Vice Commodore position.

IMPORTANT! Please plan to attend the next SYC monthly meeting which will be held at the clubhouse at 7:00 PM on September 18, 2008.

The following letter was previously sent to all SYC members (with an email address registered for the newsletter) by email and is reprinted for those who get the Currents by regular mail.

Dear SYC Member,

At the August 21st monthly SYC meeting, the Officers, Board of Governors, and the members in attendance voted to proceed with finalizing several capital improvement projects. The most ambitious of these is to rebuild the seawall in front of the clubhouse. Other items in the project include a ramp extension, barn repairs, dock upgrades, and clubhouse air conditioning.

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The seawall project was initiated several years ago due to deterioration of portions of the existing seawall, numerous sink holes, a north-hoist pad that continues to shift, and various "temporary" repairs that have not lasted. A committee led by Carol Park (and including Star Mikell, Ron Boyer, Ken Kuzdro, and Tom Dexter) was formed to design and plan for installation of a long-lasting, quality retaining wall across the clubhouse waterfront.

The committee hired a Civil Engineer who recommended using interlocking blocks as opposed to more costly designs which would produce similar results. The project includes using a temporary coffer dam and excavating to provide a durable and solid foundation and then rebuilding the waterfront retaining wall using over 300 pre-cast 2' x 2' x 4' interlocking blocks weighing 1 ton each.

As many of you know, there is a drop off hazard at the end of the Riverside ramp that is a concern to the members launching their boats. While the equipment and coffer dam are on site, the plan is to inspect the ramp at the Riverside area, make any necessary repairs, and add an extension to the ramp to correct the hazard.

Details of the design as well as budgetary estimates and funding options were presented at the August monthly meeting. The membership voted to have the committee prepare the final specifications and bid packages for the potential vendors and to further investigate financing the project. The final price and financing will be presented for a vote of acceptance by the SYC Membership on September 18th at the monthly meeting.

The initial plan for financing the capital improvements is a combination of club funds, donations of seed money from members, and a mortgage.

SYC members using the Drysail area have already pledged donations of seed money to demonstrate their support for the projects. SYC members can sponsor a block for \$500 although donations and pledges of any amount are welcomed. Once the project is complete, a plaque will be mounted in the clubhouse recognizing seed money contributors. Please contact Carol Park at 578-4596 or email carol.a.park@gmail.com for additional details.

We need your attendance and support at the September 18th meeting! The mortgage payments will of necessity impact ALL SYC members through **assessments** (applicable to **Life, Regular, Junior, Intermediate, and Social members**) and **annual dues increases** in future years. The Executive Committee and Board of Governors would like to hear your ideas and opinions prior to voting on the projects!

Penn Lemmonds, Commodore

SYC Memorials

Charles Wall, a life member of the SYC, former Commodore and budget committee chairperson died on Tuesday September 2. For additional information his obit will be in the Lancaster Sunday News. A memorial service will be held at 10:00am Saturday September 13 at the Charles Snyder Funeral Home on Lititz Pike.

Laura Iglar, who was Len Mayernik's long time companion passed away in August after a lengthy illness.



SYC OKTOBERFEST

Hosted by Belinda Eyster

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008
SYC CLUB HOUSE - 5:00 P.M., MUSIC AT 5:30PM

MENU:

GRILLED BRATWURST, SAUERKRAUT WITH KIELBASA,
HOMEMADE GERMAN POTATO SALAD
GARDEN SALAD & RED CABBAGE, RYE BREADS

APPLE STRUDEL FOR DESSERT

GERMAN AND AMERICAN BEVERAGES

ENTERTAINMENT BY: LANDLER KAPELLE
GERMAN BAND



SYC Oktoberfest Reservation Form

Mail Reservations before Tuesday October 14, 2008 to:

Belinda Eyster
P.O. Box 20266
York, PA 17402

Make checks payable to SYC

Name: _____

Adults: _____ X \$15.00 _____

Children: _____ X \$4.00 _____ Total = _____

(12 yrs old & under)

Reservations postmarked after October 14 will not be accepted.

The following is a thank you note to Bill and Sylvia Larsen and the members of the SYC:

I would like to thank the members of the Susquehanna Yacht Club for hosting another wonderful Boating Day for our Four Diamonds families on Saturday, August 16, 2008. The members made it a perfect day for everyone, which included gorgeous weather! Even I had a chance to experience my first boating excursion on the river.

Please know how much we appreciate your time, generosity, and efforts in providing a memorable experience for our patients and their families. Please be sure to extend our thanks to the businesses and sponsors who supported the event, and especially to the clowns!

Again, thank you! This is truly a great event.

Sincerely,



Linda Barry
Four Diamonds Assistant Director

